With the entertainment at the Opera House this evening, for the benefit of the City Hospital, a more than usually brilliant week ends. The many functions were all handsome in their plannings, notably the Rhodes and Robertson receptions, the Frew-Jones wedding, the Waterhouse entertainment for the Twentieth Century Girls, the Wheat party, the Arion club dance, the announcement of the matrimonial engagement of prominent society people, the Woman's Club concert and the great treat from Pitsburgh musical circles in the "In a Persian Garden." The conting week has scheduled, the List-Gibbs entertainment for the Married Ladies Euchre Club, the Stevenson-Martin reception for the Island Euchre Club, the Cecil reception for the Twentieth Century Girls, the Bachelor Cotlision and the hops, the Children's dance at Mercantile Club rooms, the Harper Musicale, the Robinson-McDonald bazaur, the Vance Memorial church cake sale, and the Dickens entertainment at St. Luke's, while the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra concert Tuesday evening, will be at the disposal of all lovers of music.

The Opera House will be crowded this evening to witness the unique enter-tainment of Mr. Harry W. Rogers, for the benefit of the City Hospital. Every interest of this community should centre in its beneficences, and the institution for which to-night's interesting performance is given is one of the many worthy ones now in conduction here. Mr. Rogers has kindly consented to give publicly what has been voted by private audiences as a marvelous exposition of ununderstandable doings, as experienced by everybody at some time or other in a theatre going career. The entertainer has titled this evening's affair "A Night of Mystery," and the title as well as the performer and the charity to be benefited, make a strong drawing card. Anyone absent will have The Opera House will be crowded this ing card. Anyone absent will have cause for the regret experienced this week as a result of indifference, towards a noteworthy performance from abroad.

The ladies of the Vance Memorial church have arranged a Market for next Saturday afternoon, December 22, in the church edifice at Altenheim. As the market imediately precedes Christmas, all the dainties for that season will be for sale ready to be placed on the table. Plum puddings, mince ples, fruit cakes, home made candles, jellies and all such, prepared in delicious style, at a price within the reach of all, by ladies whose dinners and luncheons bespeak their reputation as luncheons bespeak their reputation as getters-up of unsurpassed menus, will find a quick buying and there is no

Mrs. Thomas C. Stevenson and Miss Jessie Martin will entertain the Island Ladles' Euchre Club next Friday after-noon, at the Stevenson home, on North York street.

Mrs. D. Carter List and Mrs. Joseph S. Gibbs will entertain the Married Ladies' Euchre Club next Friday after-noon, at the List home, in Pleasant Valler

Mrs. Morgan Nelson Cecil will enter-tain the Twentieth Century Girls next Wednesday afternoon, at her home, Ce-

A delightful musicale has been arranged for next Thursday evening, at the home of Mrs. Marion L. Harper, Pleasant Valley, for the benefit of the Home Misionary Society of the First Presbyterian church. The performers are Miss Louise Hubbard, whose beautiful reading is attracting great attention, and Mrs. Alice Lincoln Dean, Miss Martha Ott, Miss Virginia Harrison and Miss Flora Stifel, all favorites in Musical Wheeling. A sliver offering will be accepted, and a large assemblage is assured the hostess.

Miss Jessie Wheat, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Wheat, of South Jacob streed, delightfully entertained a large party at progressive euchre, in honor of her house guest, Mrs. John Tolar, of New York city. The prize winners were Miss Nelle Stifel and Mr. Nelson C. Hubbard.

House guests of prominent society families for the Christmas holidays are Mrs. A. D. Mead, formerly Miss Laura Belle Caldwell; Miss Elizabeth List, of Washington; Mrs. Gilkerson, of Parkersburg; Miss Lambert, of Washington; Miss Paddock, of Terra Haute.

The Bachelors will give the second dance of the winter series next Wednesday evening, in the Carroll Club auditorium.

The wedding of Miss Gertrude Frew, daughter of the late Mr. Alexander and Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Frew, of North Main street, to Mr. Charles Edward Jones, of New Castle, Pa., was solemnized last Wednesday, with simplicity and taste, Dr. David A. Cunningham, of the First Presbyterian church, reading impressively the service. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Johns Frew, and attended by her sister, Miss Edna Frew, Miss Jennie Craddock and Miss Ida Harden Taylor. Mr. Jones had as his best man Mr. James Wentling, of Greensburg, Pa. A wedding supper for the brideil party followed the ceremony, after which Mr. and Mrs. Jones left for their future home.

Mrs. Frank J. Waterliouse charmingly entertained the Twentieth Century
Girls. Thursday afternoon, at the home
of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob W.
Grubb, Echo Point. Progressive euchre
the club scheduled entertainment, was
played and the prizes won by Mrs. William P. Wilson, Miss Virginia Harrison,
Mrs. Morgan Nelson Cecil and Miss
Paddock.

Mrs. Zach F. Robertson's large reception Wednesday afternoon, was in honor of her house guest, Mrs. Josephine Skinner, of Fairmont. Mrs. Robertson had as assistants besides her honor guest, her sisters, Mrs. W. W. Wolcott, of Louisville, Ky., Miss Abble Brown, Miss Almira Brown, Miss Marion Brown, Miss Almira Brown, Miss Marion Brown, Mrs. Curtis P. Brown and Mrs. W. H. Rinehart, Mrs. George W. Woods, Mrs. Bernie S. McLure and the Misses Lydia Good and Sue M. Caldwell. The house was beautifully decorated and the Bridgeport Mandolin and Guitar Club, stationed on the upstairs landing, rendered a pleasing programme from 3 until 5 o'clek, the hours specified, and during which the house was continually filled with a brillian assemblage. All appointments were handsomely conceived and carried out. Ziegenfelder was the caterer. Mrs. Zach F. Robertson's large recep

Mrs. Robert McGown, of Steubenville, is the house guest of Mrs. Emily P. Boyd, of Thirteenth street.

Miss Florence Ott is entertaining at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan L. Ott, Echo Point, as her house guest, Mrs. Gilkeson, of Parkers-burg.

A bazaar and social will be given to-day by the young ladies of Miss Mc-Donald's class, in the First United Presbyterian Sabbach school, at the home of Mr. Ceell Robinson, 165 South Penn street. All sorts of things suitable for presents will be on sale, as well as cakes, candles and pastry. The hours are from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock in the 'evening. A feature will be the serving of refreshments to be enjoyed while inspecting other things to be sold. The public is invited and a large crowd is

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ssured. The object is a worthy char-

The musical treat of the season so far was the first of the recital series promoted for this city by Mr. Charles N. Boyd, of Pittsburgh, which came off last Wednesday evening in the Carroll Club auditorium, when was sung by a magnificent quartette of singers to Liza Lehmann's exquisite musical setting, Omar Khayyam's great poem. It is to be regretted that not every member of this community heard the beautiful volces of Miss Rachel Belder. Frease, soprano; Mrs. W. A. Lafferty, contraitor, Mr. S. T. Beddoe, tenor, and Mr. David T. Moore, baritone, Not only in the song cycle dld the singers receive each an ovation, but as well in the oarlier par: of a perfectly rendered programme. Encores were demanded throughout, and the enthusiastic reception of the singers was merited. No better aggregation of artists has been heard in this city for years. The plano necompanying of Mr. Boyd was superb. An effort is on foot to get an open date from Mr. Boyd and have the performance repeated. The musical treat of the season so far

Master Philip Rader Bachtler will en-tertain a number of his friends this evening, at his home, on North Market in honor of the anniversary of

The German classes of Professor Haupt celebrated the anniversary of the birth of their eminent instructor, by meeting on December 9 and presenting him, through Dr. Eugene A. Hildreth, with a hardsome scarf pin. The presentation speech made in German, by Dr. Hildreth, was a happy one and was feelingly responded to by the recipient.

The big event of the coming week will be the concert by the Pitsburgh Symphony Orchestra, directed by Victor Herbert, with Henry Merch, cellist, as a soloist. The programme is an interesting one from all view points and a large audience is assured the aggregation of seventy men, all real musicians.

A large and exquisitely appointed re-ception was given by Mrs. Oliver A large and exquisitely appointed reception was given by Mrs. Oliver Thompson Rhodes yesterday afternoon between 3 and 5 o'clock. The Rhodes home on North Main street was beautiful in its green decorations, an artistic arrangement of palms and smilax forming the setting for the floral decorations of the parlors, library, dining room and halls on the lower and upper floors. Mrs. Rhodes received in the library, with Mrs. Edward H. Stevens and Mrs. W. W. Irwin. Other aids to the hostess were Mrs. Seymour Dunlevy, Mrs. Lewis Steenrod, Mrs. Thomas C. Burke, Mrs. William L. Glessner, Mrs. George Vardy, Miss Martha Ott, Miss Helen Caldwell, Miss Frances J. Wheat, Miss Helen Devries and Miss. Helen Dunlevy, Several hundred guests accepted the charming hospitality of the home. Later in the evening Mrs. Rhodes entertained the receiving party at supper.



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fancy dress ball at the Carroll Club, Saturday, December 29. The Cotillion dance of five numbers will be danced in each of the different sets.

Mrs. Thomas J. Danner has arranged Airs. Toomas J. Danner has arranged a splendid entertalament for next Thursday evening, to be given in St. Luke's parish house. "Scenes from Dirkens," the title of the entertalament tells the story. It will be given for one of the charities connected with the church and there is no doubt of a large audience.

...IN THE CHURCHES...

At the Church of the Immaculate o'clock mass to-morrow morning, Archmerly bishop of the diocese of Wheeling, will deliver the sermon. be the first time the archbishop has been heard here for many a day and it is likely that the edifice will be crowded with people anxious to hear the gifted speaker. Archbishop Kain is now in Pittsburgh and will arrive in this city to-night.

Bishop Peterkin will visit and preach in St. Andrew's church, Forty-second and Jacob streets. Sunday evening at 7:30. There will be service in the morn ing at 10:30, when the Rev. Thomas J. Oliver Curran will preach. Subject, "The Advent of the King."

First Baptist church, Rev. Martin W. Prof. Delbrugge announces several very brilliant affairs to be held at his academy and Carroll Club auditorium during the holidays. The first, the Junior Cotillion Club, on Wednesday, December 26; Cotillion Club, at Bellaire, Thursday evening, December 28; Cotillion Club auditorium, Friday evening, December 28; Juvenile's m. All are cordially invited to attend. Buck, pastor-Preaching at 10:30 a. m.;

Vance Memorial-Services at 11 a. m and 7:30 p. m., conducted by Dr. Austin. Evening subject, "Lessons from Gld-con." On this (Saturday) evening the Opportunity Circle will hold a Christ-mas bazzar at the church. Fancy arti-cles, candy, etc., on sale. Benefit of Vance fund. The public is invited.

First Christian church, Rev. C. M. First Christian church, Rev. C. M. Ollphant, pastor—The pastor will preach in the morning on "The Ploneers," and in the evening on "The Division of the Word." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; Mission Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.; topic, "Confessing Christ." Prayer meeting Wednesday evening; Junior Y. P. S. C. E. Friday at 4 p. m. All welcome to all services.

First Presbyterian church—The pastor, Rev. D. A. Cunningham, D. D., will preach at 16:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Garden in the Valley;" evening subject, "God, a Father Unto His People." Sabbath school at 9:15 a. m. At 2:30 p. m. opening exercises and dedication of new Sabbath school building, Eighteenth street, above Jacob. street, above Jacob.

North Street M. E. church—Preaching at 10:30 and 7:30 by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Graham. Morning subject, "Symbolic Worship;" evening subject, "The Never-Falling Bread." Sunday school at 2 n. m. Experied desirious subjects. Never-Falling Bread." Sunday school at 2 p. m. Epworth devotional service at 7 p. m. Epworth League meeting, Monday at 7:30. Prayer and praise, Wednesday at 7:30. King's Daughters and Sons, Thursday at 7:30. Classes at 7:30 Friday and Saturday evenings. A welcome for all.

Services on Sabbath, at Wesley M. E. church.—Morning service at 10:30; evening, 7:30; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; subject of morning service, "The Glories of Heaven an Incentive to Work in the Church." At the evening service a gospel sermon will be preached by the pastor. New families without a regular church home will find a friendly greeting here.

Services at the Second Christian church, 59 Zane street, will be conduct-ed by the paster, T. J. White. Bible

school at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m., subject, "Grow in Grace and a Knowledge of the Truth;" Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.; preaching at 7:30 p. m., subject, "Why I Am a Disciple of Christ, or the Church of Christ—What is It?" Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock, All are invited to all services. St. Matthew's church-Holy com

munion at 8 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon by the Rt. Rev. George W. Peterkin, D. D., bishop of West Virginia. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30; subject, "The Doubt of John the Baptist." There will be an organ recital after the evening service. The following selections will be rendered by Prof. Paris R. Myers: "Offertory." by Wely, "Simple Aveu," by Thorne. "Fantasia," by Tours. "Gavotte," by Handel, "Triumphal March," by Sullivan. David W. Howard, rector. nunion at 8 a. m. . Morning prayer and

At the Second Presbyterian church, corner of Market and Twentieth streets, the pastor, Rev. Joseph Speers, will preach in the morning at 10:30 and in the evening at 7:30: subject for morning sermon, "Presbyterianism." Subbath school at 9:15 a. m. Prayer meeting at 7:45 on Wednesday evening. A cordial invitation extended to strangers and those having no regular church home.

The usual services will be held on Sabbath at the First United Presbyter-ian church. Preaching at 10:30 and 7:30 o'clock, by Rev. E. G. McKlbben. Sabbath school at 2 o'clock. Christian Union at 6:45. Strangers are welcome.

Forty hours devotion were begun at the Church of the Immaculate Con-ception on Thirty-sixth street, yester-day morning, and will continue to-day.

Fourth Street M. E. church, Rev. S. T. Westhafer, pastor—Morning topic, "Power." Evening topic, "Drifting." Sunday school at 2 p. m.

Second English Lutheran church, Rev. W. A. Hartman, pastor-Divine Rev. W. A. Hartman, pastor—Divine services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 3:30 p. m. Catechetical class at 6:30 p. m.

Rev. L. Drier will preach at the Stone church, Elm Grove, on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

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YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES. YESTERDAY'S DEFARTURES, PHISBURG, CITY OF WHEELING, 6 am Charleston... URANIA, 6:39 a. m.
PHISBURGH, QUEEN CITY, 1 a. m.
Parkersburg, BEN HUR, 11 a. m.
Sistersville... RUTH, 3:39 p. m.
Charlyston... LEROY, 2:39 p. m.
Steubenville...T, M. BAYNE, 2:39 p. m.
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TO-DAY'S ROATS.

Charleston...GRIEENWOOD, 6:39 a. m.
Parkersburg H. K. BEDFORD, H a. m.
Newport....JEWEL, H a. m.
Parkersburg CITY OF WHIEELING, 9 pm
Sisteraville...RUTI, 5:39 p. m.
Clarington...LEROY, 3:39 p. m.
TO-MORROW'S BOATS.

Zanesville...LORENA, 4 a. m.
Pittsburgh...BEN HUR, 4 a. m.
Pittsburgh...KANAWHA, 6 a. m.
Pittsburgh...KANAWHA, 6 a. m.
Pittsburgh...KANAWHA, 8 a. m.
Sistersville...LEROY, 7 a. m.
Sistersville...LEROY, 7 a. m.

Along the Landing. The Queen City is Sunday's packet for Cincinnati, departing at 8 a. m. The marks at 6 p. m., Friday, show-

ed 7 feet 3 inches and falling. Weather, clear and colder.

The Joseph Walton, at 3 p. m., and the I. N. Bunton, at 4 p. m., passed up for Pittsburgh with tows of empties.

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The Queen City made a fast trip up the river on the Virginia's time. She passed this port at 1 a. m., Friday, five hours ahead of time.

The E. A. Woodruff, the government snagboat, passed down for Cincinnati yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, after pulling out a number of snags and wrecks between Pittsburgh and Wheeling. Captain Christian was on the root.

River Telegrams.

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GREENSBORO—River 8 feet 3 in-ches and falling. Pair and cold. BROWNSVILLE—River 5 feet 7 in-ches and falling. BROWNSVILLE—River 5 feet 7 inches and falling.
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